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AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY SECTION

The provisions of the Constitution and By-laws and policies and procedures established by the Board of Governors of the Society shall govern the procedure of all components of the Society but no action or obligation of such components shall be considered an action or obligation of the Society as a whole.

BYLAWS

of the San Fernando Valley Section

ARTICLE I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the San Fernando Valley Section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

ARTICLE II: Membership

SECTION 1. All members of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers whose "for mail" address is within the section boundaries of the San Fernando Valley Section, shall be members of the Section. Any member wishing to transfer into the Section, or out of the Section, may do so by making written application to the National Organization.

SECTION 2. Members of any ASME Student Section within the boundaries of the San Fernando Valley Section shall be nonvoting members of the San Fernando Valley Section.

SECTION 3. The qualifications of voters at elections shall be the same as are prescribed by the Constitution of the Society.

ARTICLE III: Management

SECTION 1. The officers of the Section shall be a chairman or chairwoman, vice-chairman or vice-chairwoman, a secretary, and a treasurer.

SECTION 2. Only members of the Section may be officers of the Section.

SECTION 3. The management of the Section shall be vested in an Executive Committee, made up of the officers of the Section, plus six directors, and designated ex-officio members.

SECTION 4. Ex-officio members of the Executive Committee shall be a faculty advisor and a student representative of each Student Section, and the head of the Mechanical Engineering Department of each college located within the boundaries of the San Fernando Valley Section.

SECTION 5. This Section shall have such standing committees as are designated by the Society. The chairman or chairwoman, after consulting with the executive committee, may appoint for each standing committee, a chairman or chairwoman, who may appoint committee members.

SECTION 6. The Executive Committee is empowered to establish and eliminate ad hoc committees, and to appoint and remove members of these committees. Non members may serve on these committees.

SECTION 7. Any member of the Executive Committee who, for three consecutive months, does not take part in the management of the Section shall cease to be a member of the Committee. The Executive Committee may fill any vacancy in its own membership. Such appointed members shall serve until the next Section election.

SECTION 8. New officers and directors shall be elected by letter ballot mailed to the members of the Section by March 15th of each year, and shall assume office on the first day of July. Three of the directors shall be elected annually to serve for two years.

SECTION 9. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall be one-half the officers and directors who are not removed from active participation.

ARTICLE IV: Nominations

SECTION 1. The Nominating Committee shall be chaired by the immediate past-chairman or past chairwoman of the Section or, if no such person is available, an individual appointed by the chairman or chairwoman. Other members shall be selected by the Executive Committee of the Section no later than the month of October.

SECTION 2. The Nominating Committee shall announce its selections to the Section at least one month before the mailing of the letter ballot.

SECTION 3. Any five members of the Section (exclusive of their prospective nominee) who are entitled to vote may nominate a Section member for any elected position, subject to the willingness of the prospective nominee to serve. Such nominee(s) shall be listed on the ballot under the heading "nominated by five or more individual members", and the competing nominee(s) shall be listed under the heading "nominated by the Nominating Committee".

SECTION 4. The letter ballot shall be tallied no less than thirty days after the date of mailing, and the results determined by May 1st. Provision for write-in candidates will be included on the ballot.

ARTICLE V: Miscellaneous

SECTION 1. Propositions for amendments to these Bylaws may be submitted to the membership for consideration by the Executive Committee or by petition signed by not less than twenty qualified members of the Section. The vote shall be by letter ballot, with voting to close thirty days from the date of mailing, and to be tallied within sixty days of mailing. If approved by sixty percent of the votes cast, the amendment, or amendments, shall become part of these Bylaws.

SECTION 2. If approved, these Bylaws become effective on July 01, 1986.

These Bylaws were approved by a vote of the members in April 1986.

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